

HADLEY LOOMS UP.

MAN FROM MISSOURI MAY BE COMPROMISE NOMINEE.

There Was Nothing Doing in the Convention Proper Today, and Proceedings Were Mere Routine, Waiting on the Report of Credential Committee—Roosevelt Has Lost Grip on Many of His Delegates and They Will Not Desert the Regular Organization for Him—Offer of Roosevelt Leaders to Withdraw Teddy if Taft Also Gets Out Rejected—General Drift of Sentiment Towards Hadley in Event It Is Seen Neither Taft Nor Roosevelt Can Win.

Chicago, 10 A. M., June 20.—Roosevelt this morning ordered the bolting members of the credential committee to go back to the meeting which begins at 9.30 today, but instructed them to protest the voting of any delegates who got their seats by fraud.

The Taft men are in control and will insist on the voting rights of the contested delegates and a bolt is likely to follow.

The Roosevelt men have rented Orchestra Hall and all arrangements for holding a separate convention have been completed.

Chairman Root announced most positively that the rumored attempt of the Roosevelt men to hold a second convention in the Coliseum would be thwarted and the bolting delegates removed by force, if necessary, and that whatever force required to accomplish this purpose would be available and used. The police are prepared for the emergency.

Roosevelt said to the loyal delegates at an early hour this morning, "So far as I am concerned, I am through. I hope if you who are the real and lawful majority of the convention are voted down will organize as such. You have courage and must act."

Johnson the "Fighting Governor of California," and one of the Roosevelt leaders, said this morning: "I am tired of fighting feathers, will now take a club."

The session of the convention today is expected to be merely routine waiting on the report of the credentials committee Friday morning, unless the bolt comes sooner and precipitates the crisis. The problem is, how far will the bolt go? Some of the Roosevelt delegates will stick to Teddy through thick and thin right to the end, but many others will not quit the party for Roosevelt. They would be satisfied with the nomination of any progressive.

Looks Like Hadley.

Chicago, 12:30, June 20.—The Hadley ovation yesterday made him a presidential possibility. This is admitted by both Taft and Roosevelt delegates. He has promised to support Roosevelt, but friends say if a bolt comes he will remain regular. Many Taft delegates think him an ideal candidate for head of the ticket. If he stays with the regulars in case of a bolt the Missouri delegation will give him the presidential ballot and scattering votes from other States will make Taft's nomination impossible, and Hadley, Roosevelt's staunchest supporter is the most likely regular candidate against Roosevelt. If there is no bolt Hadley seems assured nomination for vice president on the Roosevelt ticket, and the Taft men want him on their ticket.

Hadley says evasively about the presidential boom: "I am for Roosevelt and intend fighting for him. There is no reason for discussing anything but Roosevelt's candidacy."

The demand for a third candidate is growing big and it looks as if neither Taft nor Roosevelt is strong enough in the regular convention to win.

Roosevelt men went to Taft men and were met with refusal of their proposition that Roosevelt would be withdrawn if Taft was withdrawn. Taft is in the fight to the finish, say his supporters and they do not propose to sacrifice him to save Roosevelt's face when Taft has the fight won.

Teddy Losing His Grip.

Chicago, 12 noon, July 20.—That Col. Roosevelt would not seek to hold the delegates instructed or pledged to support him was announced today by one of Roosevelt's closest personal friends and present advisors. That he releases them from any obligation was taken to mean that they need not support him unless he is their personal choice for the presidential nomination. Roosevelt was in conference with his chief lieutenants during the entire morning and it was announced that a statement would be issued soon.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT QUILTS.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE BOLTING CONVENTION FAILS AND HE GOES IT ALONE.

Calls on His Friends to Join Him in Organizing a New Party Independent of All Old Parties—This Unexpected Turn of Affairs in Chicago Indicates That Roosevelt Had Been Overthrown and That He Could Not Carry Into a Bolting Convention a Sufficient Number of Delegates to Make His Repudiation of Party Regularity Impressive.

New York, June 20.—Col. Roosevelt today decided to take the bit in his teeth and repudiate the present Republican convention without further delay.

In a carefully prepared statement, which he read to his personal advisors to be later handed to all his delegates Col. Roosevelt announced his willingness to lead an independent party for the principles of the progressive movement, and called on such of his friends who placed these above party loyalty to join in a fight to the finish.

He thanked his friends in the Republican organization and those who have fought with him up to the present time, and released them from any obligation, other than their desire to join him in the fight for principles.

The Colonel's declaration, in part, followed:

"The time has come when I feel that I must make certain statements, not merely to honestly elected members of the Republican convention, but to the rank and file of the Republican party and to the honest people of the entire nation. I went into this fight for certain principles and at this moment I can only serve these principles by continuing to bear the personal responsibility which their advocacy has brought me."

IN THE POLICE COURT.

Number of Offenders Against Bicycle Ordinance Before Recorder.

A number of offenders against the bicycle ordinance and a few others were up before the recorder this morning to be tried for their misdemeanors.

The following were tried for riding bicycles on forbidden sidewalks: B. J. Grier, Burt Eagerton and B. O. Cantey, \$2.00 or 4 days each, and H. D. Rembert and A. C. Ligon, \$1.00 or 2 days each.

Jerry Williams, petit larceny, stealing two pair of silk hose from Stubbs Bros. Store, \$15 or 30 days.

Stephens Bracey, violation of hack ordinance by failing to meet trains, two offenses, \$2.00 or 4 days for the first offense and \$4.00 or 8 days on the second offense.

Civic League Picnic.

The picnic at Pocalla next Wednesday will begin at five in the afternoon and last till ten o'clock at night. Boating, bathing, dancing, ice cream, cake, fish stew, fish fry, home made candy, peanuts, lemonade and a moon light night—everybody is sure to have a good time. Remember you are engaged for the Civic League Picnic at Pocalla Springs Wednesday, June 26, 1912.

Attend Eastern Star Convention.

Mr. Bartow Walsh, Miss Moneta Osteen and Mrs. Geo. G. Tweed have gone to Florence to attend the State convention of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The frames for the doors and windows of the Claremont are being put in the first story. This looks like Sumter will have a hotel in the near future. The work is going on nicely, but Mr. Paschal, who was in the city Tuesday, was not exactly satisfied with the progress and stated that he would double the force of hands at work in the course of the week and rush the work still harder than formerly.

The Knights of Pythias are planning for a big day with an all-day picnic and general good time at Pocalla Springs on the Fourth of July. The Pythians held their annual picnic at Pocalla Springs last year and it was so very successful that they hope to make a repetition of last year's success.

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SECOND ROUND FOR TAFT.

TAFT STRENGTH GREATER ON SECOND TEST VOTE.

Hadley Motion to Unseat Contested Taft Delegates Laid on Table by Vote of 564 to 510—Boom For Hadley Sprung on Convention.

Chicago, June 19.—The Roosevelt forces met their second defeat in the Republican national convention today in session, which had for its outstanding feature a remarkable demonstration of nearly an hour's duration in honor of Gov. Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri.

All of the Roosevelt delegates joined this demonstration to which some of the Taft States lent a voice. The ovation to the Missouri executive was quickly interpreted by many of the delegates as the possible forerunner of a boom for Hadley for president. One enthusiastic Pennsylvanian jumped to the stage and called:

"Three cheers for Hadley, the next president of the United States."

Gov. Hadley led the fight in the convention today to oust 92 contested Taft delegates and to seat 92 Roosevelt delegates in their places. The convention finally refused to entertain the motion by a vote of 564 to 510.

This transferred the fight to the committee on credentials just before the convention adjourned.

When it was announced that the Taft motion had been carried by a vote of 564 to 510 the Taft folk broke into a cheer. The vote on the temporary chairmanship yesterday has been 558 for Root to 502 for Gov. McGovern.

Prior to announcing the vote Chairman Root said Gov. Hadley had made points of order against the 92 contested delegates voting and he fully considered the matter during the calling of the roll. He overruled all the points.

"No man," said Senator Root, "can be permitted to vote on the question of his own right to seat when it is a question of doubt, but this does not disqualify on the roll of this question from voting on another man's right to a seat. Otherwise any minority could gain control of any deliberative body by opponents on one motion to give them control of the uncontested delegates."

Senator Root quoted the precedents of the national house of representatives.

"If this contention were upheld," he added, "enough seats could be contested so that there would be no delegates to do business."

Defeated, the Roosevelt forces made no further move. Senator Root then put the motion of Mr. Watson, made yesterday, that the standing committees be appointed. It was adopted without objection. The names already sent in by the State caucuses were not objected to, and the committees were announced.

After the credentials committee had been announced, the convention adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Marriage License Record.

Mr. Robert L. Gantt, of Sumter, and Miss Mary E. Creighton, of Haggood, have secured a marriage license from the county clerk of court.

Death of C. H. Newman.

News was received here Thursday of the death at Florence this morning of Mr. C. H. Newman, a former resident of Sumter, where he was employed as road master by the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. Newman was about 65 years of age and had many friends in Sumter. He was a father of Mrs. S. M. Nabers of this city.

The work on the Imperial is progressing nicely.

Miss Cornelia Gleyer, of Columbia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. Hatfield on Levi street.

The public works committee has secured a regulation dump cart to be used in keeping the street clean. This cart will be much more handy than the wheelbarrow which is being used now with good effect.

The picnic and dance at Providence Springs on the Fourth of July promises to be one of the best which has been held in a number of years. The committee making the arrangements have secured everything possible to make the affair a success and they expect to have a big crowd.

A HOT MEETING.

JONES AND BLEASE FIGURE IN EXCITING EPISODE.

Following Blease's Attack on Opponent's Legislature and Judicial Records, Jones Attempts to Reply, as Permitted by Rules Adopted by Candidates—Cheering and Howling of Crowd Drowns Voices—Situation Foreboding Trouble Relieved by Firm Stand of County Chairman.

Bishopville, June 19.—Breaking up almost in a riot here today, the meeting of the State campaign party was the means of revealing the tense bitterness of feeling that exists between Judge Ira B. Jones and Governor Cole L. Blease, candidates for Governor, and it is feared is a harbinger of the most tumultuous political contest the State has known in two decades and more.

As the meeting closed there was presented a rare spectacle, that of the two unrelenting opponents facing a cheering, howling audience; their shoulders jammed against each other's, fairly bristling defiance; Judge Jones refusing to budge and Governor Blease protesting violently against his opponent saying a word in reply. A blue coat figured in the tableau and County Chairman Baker was on the job, and it may be stated that his firm, expeditious action in all probability prevented trouble.

The situation was brought about somewhat in this wise: Judge Jones was the first speaker today, Governor Blease following. The latter made a vigorous attack upon the legislative and judicial records of Judge Jones. Under the rule adopted by the campaign party, which rule according to Secretary Carter's recollection, was seconded by Governor Blease, Judge Jones had the privilege and right to enter a denial. At the conclusion of Governor Blease's speech, Judge Jones stepped to the front of the platform and attempted to say something, presumably to deny some charge. Governor Blease quickly stepped forward again and took his stand, shoulder against shoulder, with Judge Jones, declaring that the latter had no right to speak. A policeman pounced down from somewhere and laid his hand on Judge Jones' shoulder, but his presence was not particularly needed. Even the county chairman could not separate the two candidates.

For the sake of quiet Chairman Baker stated that he would not let Judge Jones speak. This settled the matter. Judge Jones stated to Mr. Baker that he merely wished to enter a denial and that he in nowise contemplated violating the rules covering the case, but Chairman Baker took the position that since the crowd was yelling and howling so and did not understand the situation, it was expedient to allow no further speaking.

Aside from this exhibition of bitterness the features of the meeting to day were the vigorous attack upon the Blease administration by Judge Jones, and a broadside in the form of a terrific onslaught on Judge Jones' legislative and judicial records, carefully prepared and forcefully delivered. The majority of Governor Blease's charges were to show that Judge Jones was controlled by and a friend of the corporations, both while he was a legislator and later while a Judge. Judge Jones centred his fire on what he interpreted as Governor Blease's violation of the trusts reposed in him.

Contrary to the general expectations, there was no actual difficulty between Attorney General Lyon and Bernard B. Evans. Mr. Evans spoke first and his statements were very much tempered. Attorney Gen. Lyon fulfilled his promise to expose some of the past life of his opponent. The crowd paid close attention and if applause be a correct indication, sentiment was unquestionably with the Attorney General.

About 1,000 persons were in the audience today, several of whom were ladies. They were extremely patient, standing during the three hours of the speech-making. Local men state that there were large representations from neighboring counties.

Again today there were some fifteen or twenty men in the audience who continually interrupted Judge Jones during his speech. Governor Blease was given a respectful hearing.

Mr. William Reynolds is at home from Sewanee where he has been attending the university.

ST. JOSEPH'S CLOSES.

TWO GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT HANDS OF BISHOP.

Pupils of Distinguished Institution Acquired Themselves With Credit—Large Crowd of Friends and Patrons Present—Program Was an Interesting One.

The forty-ninth annual closing exercises of St. Joseph's Academy were held Wednesday evening at the Academy of Music. Two young ladies, Miss Irene Horne, of Cartersville and Miss Louise Thames, of Sumter, composed the graduating class of this distinguished old institution and received diplomas at the hands of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Northrop, of Charleston. Miss Carrie James, of Rembert, received a diploma for having completed the commercial course.

The entire program was carried out in a pleasing manner, and every individual taking part acquitted herself with honor, the entire student body, from the youngest tot to the members of the graduating class, reflecting credit upon the institution which they represented.

The exercises began promptly at 7 o'clock, with a large crowd of the friends and patrons of the institution present. After two musical numbers and the salutatory, by Miss Louise Thames, the medals were presented by Bishop Northrop to the following young ladies:

Roll of honor medal, Miss Irene Horne.

Department medal, Miss Susie Thomas.

Class medal, Miss Irene Horne.

Examination premium, Miss Louise Thames.

Perfect attendance, Miss Nellie Hanly.

Fidelity to rule, Miss Edna Jenkins.

Chateaus, Miss Helen Roberts.

Mathematics, Miss Carrie James.

Typewriting, Miss Lilla Lea.

Highest average, academic department, Miss Elma Evans.

The following young ladies having completed special courses in stenography and bookkeeping were awarded certificates: Misses Lilla Lea, Zenda Polk, Carrie Dukes, Sue Thomas, Elma Evans, Helen Roberts, Iva Hughson, Georgiana Beetham, Minnie Brown.

The following ladies completed a three months course in stenography.

Mrs. W. L. Rose, Misses Eileen Hurst, Bertha Carnes, Elizabeth Morse, Laurel Carr, Helen Broughton, Meekle Kennedy.

The following is the program in detail, as presented last evening:

Chorus, Morning Song.

Salutatory, Miss Louise L. Thames.

Instrumental trio—Gipsy Polka, Bissell—Misses Hanley, Commins and Diggs.

Presentation of medals.

Crowning graduates.

Hoop Drill, by the little girls.

Hymn, Rock of Ages—Alma Lide.

Piano solo—Second Mazurka, Godard—Miss Irene Horne.

Recitation, The Sicilian Captive—Arnald Leiby. Piano, Julia Hanley.

Instrumental Trio—The Magic Flute, Mozart—Misses Horne, Nimner and Thomas.

Recitation, Little Christel—Miss Lilla Lea.

French Song—"Les Soupirs des Zephyrs," Mendelssohn—by the pupils in the French class. Piano, Miss Sallie Wannamaker.

Instrumental Trio—Il Trovatore, Verdi—Misses Smith, Dukes and Roberts.

Musical Recitation—The Singer and the Child—Julia Hanley. Piano, Ida Commins.

Instrumental Trio—The Village Band, Myer—Misses Evans, Lea and Commins.

"Aux Italiens," Recitation with Musical Interludes—Miss Irene Horne.

Piano, Miss Elma Evans.

Recitation, The Arithmetic Lesson—Nellie Hanley.

Fete des Roses, by the young ladies in the class of expression.

Vocal Solo, Selected—Miss Georgiana Beetham. Piano, Miss Sallie Wannamaker.

A National Drill—by the pupils in the physical culture class. Piano, Miss Sallie Wannamaker.

Piano Solo—Eldorado, Bartlett—Miss Wannamaker.

Chorus, Blow Soft Winds.

Valuedictory, Miss Irene Horne.

At the conclusion of the exercises by the students a short talk was made to the graduates by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Northrop.

The beginning of the next session

BLIND TIGERS PAID "GRAFT."

WITNESSES DECLARE BLEASE INCITED CONSTABLE TO KILL PROMISED PARDON, HE SAYS.

Liquor Dealers Testify to Paying Constable Money in Order to Secure Immunity from Raids—Subpoenas to be Issued for Henry Doscher, Santo Sottile and J. P. B. O'Neal Charged with Collecting Graft, None of Whom Could be Found.

News and Courier.

That Governor Blease promised a pardon to Chief Stothart, his constable here, if he would "rock" and Miller out of the case because they knew too much, a sensational statement made yesterday by Jim Crocker in his testimony before the dispensary investigating committee here, Crocker made the assertion on a statement made to him by John Black, who said that Stothart had made a deal while drunk on a train car from Columbia. This and the testimony of several local whiskey dealers, who, stating that they were "blind tigers," said that they had paid "graft" to the constables to keep them from raiding them, featured the sessions of the committee yesterday. The whiskey dealers testified that the amounts collected averaged from \$6 to \$10 per month, and that the chief men who collected this "graft" were Henry Doscher, Santo Sottile and J. P. B. O'Neal, who are alleged to be wholesale liquor dealers. None of these could be found in the city yesterday and the committee will subpoena them to come to Columbia and testify at a later hearing.

The committee held two long hearings yesterday in the City Hall and the charges of "graft" in connection with the local situation were gone into thoroughly. One witness charged the rural policemen with having received "graft." The committee adjourned late yesterday afternoon to reconvene in Columbia at the call of the chairman. They will go to Augusta, Ga., on July 8 to take testimony of T. B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney.

FIRE BOYS PRACTICE.

Expect to Leave Here Friday or Saturday for Rock Hill to Attend Tournament.

The members of the racing squad have been doing hard practice every day for the past two weeks and are very much elated at the success they have had in their practice. The men working on the team have learned their duties thoroughly and many of the practice runs have been made in almost record time.

The team and wagon will leave here either Friday or Saturday morning for Rock Hill to attend the tournament, although no arrangements as yet have been completed. It is probable, however, that the team will have to stay over in Camden for one night, due to the fact that through transportation could not be obtained here as from Darlington and other points. The members of the team who do not go up with the horses Friday will leave Monday morning.

DISCOVERED WEDDING RING.

Ring Found in Peck of Grits Sent Out by Grocery Store.

It is not often, in these days of high living and the cost of high living, that one finds that he has purchased from his grocer a great deal more than he had bargained for, as was the case with Mr. W. B. Burns a few days ago when he ordered a peck of grits from V. H. Phelps' well-known grocery store and in this peck of grits was discovered a solid gold ring.

The grits were shipped to Sumter in sacks as usual and were put up at Mr. Phelps' store into peck packages. It was in one of these packages that the ring was discovered. It had been lost most probably by one of the women who are employed to sew up the sacks in the mills where they are filled with the grits, a woman, who is no doubt, still looking for the ring and wondering where she lost it.

of St. Joseph's Academy will usher in the Golden Jubilee year of this well known college. The present buildings are entirely inadequate for the growing demand made on this institution by its yearly increasing patronage, and the sisters are hoping that it will be possible to have a new wing erected and ready for use by the beginning of the next session.